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Tēnā koe John

On 30 October, you emailed Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People (Whaikaha) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"I noted [Transformation Management Board - Call for Interest](#). May I ask:

1. How did you call for public nominations
2. What platform you have call for public nominations, e.g. govt.jobs website.
3. Also, how many applications you have received from the public
4. How many you have received from other nominating agencies such as TPK or Ministry of women etc.
5. Further, how many you have shortlisted.
6. Also, can you please supply the term of appointment and member's pay rate."

Whaikaha is committed to working in partnership with disabled people, Māori and Government to transform the disability support system in line with the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) approach. The Transformation Management Board (the Board) is one of many partnerships both underway and being established to transform the disability support system, so it improves the lives of disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. The Board is being established to provide governance over a defined transformation work programme.

To ensure disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori are at the decision-making table, we invited expressions of interest (EoI) to join our Transformation Management Board for six roles.

The EoI process opened on 11 October 2023, seeking nominations for membership. Public nominations were sought through the Whaikaha website through the webpage and website news section. Other mechanisms to call for nominations were through letters to disability groups, Disabled Peoples Organisations, Community



Updates, Social Media advertisements, and nominations databases of Whaikaha and four other government agencies.

All nominations were received through the process as advertised on the website, with no nominations received through Government agencies, as Whaikaha sought self-nomination from the community through a range of community focussed channels.

68 people applied through this process, and interviewing of shortlisted candidates is currently underway. The interview panel is made up of both Whaikaha and disabled community representatives.

The Board members will be responsible for:

- *Reviewing the progress of the transformation programme,*
- *approving the allocation of funding to specific initiatives,*
- *identifying the potential areas for re-prioritisation to better support transformation,*
- *agreeing on what responsibilities need to be managed nationally, where consistency is required and where regional and local flexibility will lead to better outcomes for disabled people and their family/whānau and carers.*

The Term of appointment is December 2023 through until December 2025. Members remuneration is based off the Cabinet Fee's framework. They will be remunerated at \$600 per day, and expected to meet 5-6 times a year. Total remuneration (preparation, follow up and meetings) over a year will be up to \$6,000 to \$7,200.

In the period since your letter was received, Whaikaha has reflected on the membership of this Board and decided to add two additional places, one for whānau of tāngata whaikaha Māori and one for a family member of a disabled person. A further Call for Interest for these two roles was announced on Monday 20 November and is open until 5pm on Wednesday 6 December.

Proactive Release of this information

The principles and purposes of the Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- *To create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,*
- *to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and,*
- *to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.*

Whaikaha fully supports those principles and purposes and intend on making the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. Whaikaha will publish this letter on its website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the no information will be published that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_requests@whaikaha.govt.nz.



If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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